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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC
SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY
DOCKET NO.

In the Matter of an Application)	
by)	Administrative Action
PEARL STREET)	
For Licensure to Practice)	CONDITIONAL ORDER
Dental Hygiene in the State)	GRANTING LICENSURE
of New Jersey)	
_____)	

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Dentistry ("Board") upon the application of Pearl Street for a license to practice dental hygiene in the State of New Jersey. This matter commenced when Pearl Street appeared at the offices of the Board of Dentistry requesting a new active biennial certificate to practice dental hygiene. Ms. Street had in her possession a photocopy of such a certificate in her name, but she could not find the original certificate. Ms. Street further stated that she had been practicing dental hygiene since 1980. A comprehensive search of Board records disclosed no record whatsoever of Ms. Street's having ever been licensed by the Board of Dentistry since 1980. Said search included all current Board files, application files held in storage in Trenton, the Board's

cross-indexing system for all licensees, and older information contained on microfiche records. In fact, the license number on the photocopy of the certificate presented by Ms. Street was that of another individual duly licensed to practice hygiene in this state.

Ms. Street made a personal appearance before the Board of Dentistry on August 19, 1992, to discuss her educational background, her employment history, and any evidence of prior licensure. Ms. Street testified that she graduated from the dental hygiene program at Bergen Community College in 1980 and that she was not licensed in any other state. She testified that she made application for licensure as a dental hygienist subsequent to graduation, but she could not produce any original licensure or any copies of certificates of registration for any of the biennial periods since 1980. She could produce no canceled checks or any other evidence of payment for licensure renewals. Although Ms. Street testified that she had been employed in more than one dental office, she was unable to produce copies of registration certificates from such prior employers. In short, there was absolutely no evidence to support Ms. Street's assertion that she had ever been granted a license to practice dental hygiene. She further was unable to demonstrate that she had ever completed any continuing education as required since her graduation from Bergen Community College in 1980.

Upon recent completion of an Application to Practice Dental

Hygiene, Pearl Street demonstrated that she otherwise met the requirements for licensure in this state pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:6-52 and N.J.A.C. 13:30-2.2. However, she received Northeast Regional Board certification in 1980, and the Board generally recognizes this certification for a period of five years after examination. N.J.A.C. 13:30-2.2.

The Board concludes, after a review of Pearl Street's application and her testimony before the Board, that she would have been eligible for licensure in 1980 in that she satisfied the basic criteria for licensure. For reasons which remain unexplained she failed to obtain a license. However, the Board also finds that Ms. Street's testimony in connection with her assertion of prior licensure lacked credibility and finds that she has practiced dental hygiene without the requisite licensure to do so in the offices of dentists in the State of New Jersey. These findings are based, to a large extent, on Ms. Street's inability to produce any indicia of licensure and the total absence of Board records.

For all of the foregoing reasons and for other good cause shown,

IT IS ON THIS 3^d DAY OF March, 1993,

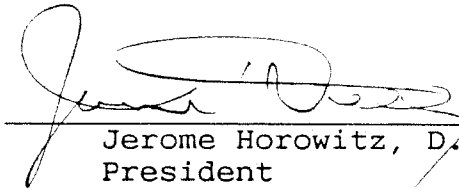
HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. A license to practice dental hygiene in the State of New Jersey without further examination pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:6-54 shall be issued to Pearl Street upon fulfillment of the following conditions:

a. Ms. Street shall successfully complete 70 hours of continuing education in dental hygiene in accordance with the requirements set forth at N.J.A.C. 13:30-2.9 to 2.10. Ms. Street shall be required to obtain approval in writing for all courses to be taken prior to enrollment, and she shall provide the Board with written proof of successful completion of each course; and

b. Ms. Street shall pay a civil penalty in the amount of \$500.00. Said penalty shall be made payable to the State of New Jersey and submitted to the Board of Dentistry at 124 Halsey Street, Sixth Floor, Newark, New Jersey 07102.

2. Pearl Street is hereby reprimanded for providing false and/or inaccurate information to the Board and disregarding the laws of this state regarding the requirements of licensure for the practice of dental hygiene.


Jerome Horowitz, D.D.S.
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State Board of Dentistry